



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Petaluma Community Development Commission, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Petaluma Community Development Commission was selected to receive a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. Located 14 miles north of San Francisco Bay in Sonoma County, Petaluma (population 54,500) is a historic river town. Since the 1850s, Petaluma has supported agriculture, industry, shipping, and trade. However, Petaluma's heavy industrial legacy has deterred redevelopment of properties with perceived and actual environmental contamination. The city's central business district, located along the Petaluma River about one mile from



Revolving Loan Fund Grant



**\$700,000 for hazardous substances
\$300,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the City of Petaluma Community Development Commission for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the City of Petaluma Community Development Commission will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances and petroleum. Grant funds also will be used to establish, market, and operate the fund and to support community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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the historic downtown area, has 70 properties potentially contaminated due to prior uses. Brownfields cleanup and redevelopment conducted through the RLF are expected to promote economic vitality in Petaluma and provide a mix of land uses that encourage public access and recreation along the river.